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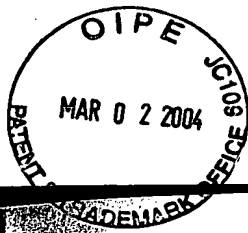
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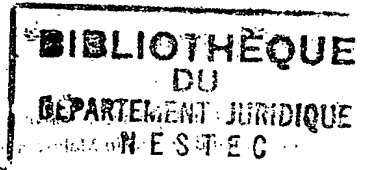
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and closes at a variable speed.
verb (shuttered, shuttering)
1 a shutter or shutters. — put
p trading; for the day or per-

the device carrying the hor-
wards and forwards between
2 the device carrying the
p formed by the upper in a
train, or bus running a fire-
laces, usually at a relatively
her. — verb trans. intrans.
travel back and forth. [from

athers or of feathered plas-
on its narrow end, hit back

shier, shiest) 1 said of a per-
y the company or attention
id: 3 (shy of something)
log. short in payment by
verb intrans. (shies, shied)
ck, startled. 2 (usually shy)
showing reluctance. shied
noun (pl. shies) an ac-
geous, timid)

ed, retiring, diffident, coy,
est, self-effacing. 2 timid,
uspicious of, distrustful of
id

row (eg a stone). — noun
und stall where balls are
pecially coconuts.

mer, esp. US slang an ap-
on, especially in business
putable 19c US lawyer
d d'Unités. An interna-
d which the fundamen-
s, electric current, tem-
id amount of substance
the metre, second, kilo-
and mole. [from French

rocks rich in silica and
tyer of the Earth's crust
of the continental crust
om silica and alumina
ing to Siam (now Thai-
language. — noun 1 a Si-
m. 3 a Siamese cat
nooth-haired domestic
1.

INED TWINS. 2 any two

ts Board.

ng
ounced with a hissing
ch a sound, eg a

om Anglo-Saxon *sich*

Hist. prophetic books
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or the price he had to
ing held in the Cato-
ian semate in times of
ter set made after the
in 83 BC.

sic /sɪk/ adv. a term used in brackets after a word or phrase
in a quotation that appears to be a mistake, to indicate that
it is in fact quoted accurately. [from Latin *sic*, thus, so]

sick — adj. 1 vomiting; feeling the desire to vomit. 2 ill; un-
well. 3 relating to ill health: *sick pay*. 4 extremely annoyed;
disgusted. 5 mentally deranged. 6 (sick of someone or
something) thoroughly weary or fed up with them. 7 said
of humour exploiting subjects like death and disease in an
unpleasant way. 8 colloq. very inadequate in comparison:
makes my effort look a bit sick. — noun colloq. vomit. —
verb trans. intrans. (usually sick something up) to vomit.
[from Anglo-Saxon *seoc*]

adj. 1 vomiting, queasy, bilious, seasick, airsick. 2 ill,
unwell, indisposed, laid up, poorly, ailing, sickly, colloq.
under the weather, weak, feeble. 4 disgusted, annoyed,
angry, enraged. 6 colloq. fed up with, tired of, weary of,
bored with.

adj. 2 well, healthy.

sick bay a room where ill or injured people are treated; eg
in a place of work.

sick building syndrome *Medicine* a disorder first diag-
nosed among office workers in the 1980s, typical symp-
toms including headache, fatigue, and sore throat. It is
thought to be caused by inadequate ventilation or air-
conditioning.

sicken verb (sickened, sickening) 1 to cause to feel like
vomiting. 2 to annoy greatly or disgust. 3 intrans. (sicken
for something) to show symptoms of an illness: *sickening
for the flu*.

1 nauseate, revolt. 2 disgust, repel, annoy, anger, enrage.
2 delight, attract.

sickening adj. that sickens.

nauseating, revolting; disgusting, offensive, distasteful,
annoying, infuriating.

delightful, pleasing, attractive.

sickle noun a tool with a short handle and a curved blade
for cutting grain crops with a sweeping action. [from
Anglo-Saxon *sico*]

sick leave time taken off because of sickness.

sickle-cell anaemia *Medicine* an incurable hereditary
blood disorder, common in African peoples, in which the
red blood cells contain an abnormal type of haemoglobin.
As a result, the cells become sickle-shaped and very fra-
gile, and their rapid removal from the circulation leads to
anaemia.

sickly — adj. (sicklier, sickliest) 1 susceptible to illness; of-
ten ill. 2 of or suggesting illness. 3 inducing the desire to
vomit: *a sickly smell*. 4 unhealthy-looking: *a sickly plant*.
5 weakly and contemptibly sentimental. — adv. to an ex-
tent that suggests illness: *sickly pale*.

adj. 1 unhealthy, ailing, infirm, delicate, weak, feeble, frail.

3 nauseating, revolting. 4 wan, pallid. 5 cloying, mawkish.

adj. 1 healthy, robust, sturdy, strong.

sickness noun 1 an illness; ill-health. 2 vomiting. 3 nau-
sea.

1 illness, disease, ailment, complaint, ill-health, indis-
position, infirmity. 3 nausea, queasiness, biliousness.
1 health.

sick verse a modern term used to describe a type of poet-
ry (from any period) that is macabre, satirical, or unset-
tlingly humorous and whose themes are misfortune,
death, disease, decay, cruelty, mental illness, etc.

side — noun 1 any of the usually flat or flattish surfaces
that form the outer extent of something; any of these sur-

faces other than the top and bottom; or other than the
front, back, top, and bottom. 2 an edge or border, or the
area adjoining this: *at the side of the road*. 3 either of the
parts or areas produced when the whole is divided up the
middle: *the right side of your body*. 4 either of the broad sur-
faces of a flat or flattish object: *two sides of a coin*. 5 any of
the lines forming a geometric figure. 6 any of the groups or
teams, or opposing positions, in a conflict or competition.
7 an aspect: *saw a different side to him*. 8 the slope of a hill.
9 the part of the body between armpit and hip. 10 a part of
an area of land; district: *the north side of the town*. 11
father's or mother's family or ancestors: *related to him on
her mother's side*. 12 Brit. colloq. television channel: *on the
other side*. 13 slang a pretentious or superior air: *to put on
side*. — adj. 1 located at the side: *side entrance*. 2 subsidi-
ary or subordinate: *side road*. — verb intrans. (side with
someone) to adopt their position or point of view; to join
forces with them. — let the side down to disappoint one's
own group, or frustrate its efforts, by falling below the
standards set by its other members. on or to one side in
or to a position removed from the main concern; aside.
on the side as a secondary job or source of income, often
dishonestly or illegally. on the ... side colloq. rather ... of a
... nature: *found his comments a bit on the offensive side*.
side by side 1 close together. 2 with sides touching. take
sides to support one particular side in a conflict or argu-
ment. [from Anglo-Saxon *side*]

noun 1 face, facet, surface. 2 edge, margin, fringe, bor-
der, boundary, limit, verge, brink, bank, shore, flank, wing,
hand. 6 team, party, faction, camp, cause, interest.

7 aspect, angle, slant, standpoint, viewpoint, view.

10 district, quarter, area, region. adj. 1 lateral, flanking.

2 secondary, subsidiary, subordinate, lesser, minor,
incidental, indirect. verb agree with, join forces with,
team up with, support, favour.

sideboard noun 1 a large piece of furniture consisting of
shelves or cabinets mounted above drawers or cupboards.
2 a sideburn.

sideburn noun the line of short hair growing down in
front of each of a man's ears.

sidecar noun a small carriage for one or two passengers,
fixed to the side of a motorcycle.

side effect an additional unexpected (usually undesir-
able) effect, especially of a drug.

sidekick noun colloq. a close friend, partner, or deputy.

sidelight noun 1 a small light fitted on each outside edge
of the front and rear of a motor vehicle, used in fading day-
light. 2 a light on each side of a moving boat or ship, one
red, one green. 3 light coming from the side.

sideline noun 1 a line marking either side boundary of a
sports pitch. 2 (sidelines) the areas just outside these
boundaries; the area to which non-participants in any ac-
tivity are confined. 3 a business, etc. carried on in addition
to regular work.

sidelong adj., adv. from or to one side; not direct or di-
rectly: *a sidelong glance*.

sidereal /saɪˈdriəl/ adj. formal of, relating to, or
determined by the stars: *sidereal year*. [from Latin *sidus*,
star]

siderite /ˈsɪdəraɪt/ noun *Geol.* a brown, grey, greenish, or
yellowish mineral form of ferrous carbonate (FeCO_3) that
occurs in sedimentary deposits, hydrothermal veins (veins
formed from magma containing a high proportion of hot
water), and some metamorphic rocks. It is an important
ore of iron. [from Greek *sideros*, iron]

side-saddle — noun a horse's saddle enabling a woman
in a skirt to sit with both legs on the same side. — adv. sit-
ting in this way.

sideshow noun a stall with some form of amusement or
game at a fair, beside a circus, etc.

sidespin noun a spinning motion imparted to a struck
ball that causes it to rotate about its vertical axis while
going forward. See also BACKSPIN, TOPSPIN.